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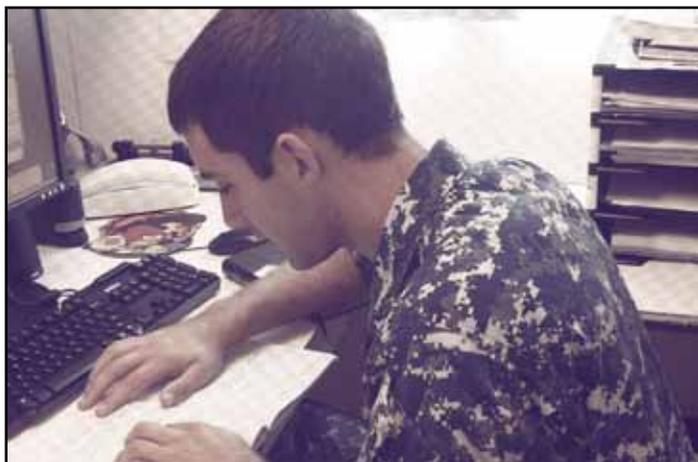
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Newsletter #1

Welcome to the first edition of the new Dragon Times! We hope to bring you this newsletter on a regular basis to let you know what's going on with both the HOWARD and her crew. This edition focuses on education. Enjoy!

THE VALUE OF A FORMAL EDUCATION FOR YOUR NAVAL CAREER



CTT3(SW) James Gaither studies his notes diligently, preparing for his next test.

BY: ETHAN FRANC

For all Navy personnel, receiving a formal education can benefit their career both inside and outside of the Navy. Seaman and Captains alike receive substantial advantages in their career advancement by having educational degrees on their record. The education also helps develop learning skills and proficiency in the fields of study, boosting their on the job performance.

Enlisted members trying E-1 through E-6 and below can receive an extra 1 point to their composite advancement score for holding an associates degree and 2 points for holding a bachelors degree. In the competitive field to receive the advancement each of those points could be the difference in moving up to the next rate or not. The board for making Chief Petty Officer and above also takes a formal education into account. Although the score computed for the Chief selectees does not include a point bonus for education, the selection board for Chief advancement highlights educational achievements during the board process. Additionally, for those enlisted sailors who wish to put in an officer package, having other formal education complete makes packages a more competitive since it is a recorded history of success in completing a degree.

For Officers it is required to have a bachelor's degree to receive a commission. To pursue a command tour it has now become accepted that a Master's degree and J.P.M.E

is also necessary. A master's degree and/or a Doctoral degree are tools may aid sailors in separating themselves from the pack and augment their record, allowing them to continue their career. The varying type of degrees can also open up other job opportunities within the Navy structure to utilize Officer's skills in their respective subjects.

For those that are looking past the end of their Naval career, having a formal education will help improve a sailor's resume. The US Census Bureau reports a person with the bachelor's degree earns \$0.9 million more than a person with a high school diploma over a lifetime on average. For a master's degree that number increases to a \$1.3 million advantage. Having an education will open up more job opportunities, giving those looking for a job multiple options, creating an easier transition into civilian life and a more stable future. Reference:

1. "Lifetime Earnings Soar with Education" About.com US Government Info. N.p., n.d. Web. 04 Oct. 2012. <<http://usgovinfo.about.com/od/moneymatters/a/edan-dearnings.htm>>



Education Shout-Outs!



The USS HOWARD would like to highlight a few of our sailors that are currently taking courses!

CTM3 Rebecca Marinacci: Biology and Geology

CTTSN Robert Schweizer: Biology

STGSN Alexander Escobar: Biology

LTJG Ashley Valanzola: International Law

ET3 Derek May: Freshman Composition

CTT2 Brittany Frantz: American Government and Research Methods of Intelligence Study

GSE3 Loyette Clarkejerome: Statistics and Research Methods and Cultures of Organization

LS3 Jason Kouche: Statistics and Research Methods

LTJG Brick Christensen: Marketing for Managers, Business Initiatives and Business Environment of Asia

CTRSN Daniel Godden: Police Administration

STG2 Matthew Johnston: Business Law

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29
1830 - ? @

NTC PROMENADE POINT LOMA
Friday the 30th is a day off for those who attend!

Prices (Per Ticket)

E4 and Junior: \$5
E5 & E6: \$10
E7 and Senior: \$15

Up to 5 additional raffle tickets may be purchased for only \$5 each!

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29OCT - 09NOV



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**UPCOMING
EVENTS
for
HOWARD**

November 16th, 2012:
Ship's Undocking

December 2012:
Aegis Systems Light-off

December 2012:
**Engineering Light off
Assessment**

December 2012:
Sea Trials

January 2013:
**Basic Phase of the
Training Cycle**



USS Howard's Top Sailors of 2012

By LT.J.G ASHLEY VALANZOLA USS HOWARD (DDG 83) PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

SAN DIEGO - USS Howard (DDG 83) recently announced their top three sailors of the year for 2012. The Senior Sailor of the Year is Cryptologic Technician Technical First Class (SW/AW) Kristianne Chardon, the Junior Sailor of the Year is Electronics Technician Second Class (SW) Jason Herrick and the Blue Jacket of the Year is Cryptologic Technician Technical Seaman (SW) Robert Schweizer.

These three sailors beat out tough competition to claim the title as Howard's best Sailors of 2012. They were announced as winners by the ship's Captain, Cmdr. David Zook on October 18th, 2012.

Senior Sailor of the Year Chardon transferred to the Howard in October of 2011 to serve as leading petty officer (LPO) for Operations Technical Division. As LPO she led the division through several high level naval inspections to include the Board of Inspection and Survey. Since her arrival onboard she tackled challenging command collateral duties to include assistant safety officer, sexual assault prevention and response victim advocate and Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society fund drive coordinator. Off duty she dedicates countless hours volunteering in the local San Diego community.

When told about her selection as senior sailor of the quarter, Chardon replied

"I felt extremely overjoyed, I was at a loss for words because I could not believe that both myself and my seaman [Schweizer] had been selected at the same time. It was also the first time I was able to celebrate a Navy accomplishment with my mom who happened to be vacationing in San Diego. It was an indescribable feeling. I was actually shak-

ing when the guys broke the news to me."

Herrick, Howard's choice for Junior Sailor of the Year, has three years on the Howard. As one of the ship's most trusted electronic technicians he helped fix one of the most critical air navigation systems onboard. He also stands watch in combat systems where he oversees the function of the ship's communications, radars and navigation equipment. He takes pride in serving as Howard's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Committee President which organizes command functions to include the holiday party and family picnics.

After Herrick's selection as junior sailor of the quarter his division officer Lieutenant Robert Taylor remarked

"Herrick is an awesome technician, a truly outstanding sailor. He is the epitome of what a sailor should be today"

The Blue Jacket of the Year Schweizer is one of Howard's highly motivated junior leaders. Onboard for over two years now, he is a highly relied upon member

of Operations Technical Division and holds several command level collateral duties that are usually led by first class petty officers. He spent many additional hours in his off time qualifying in watch stations outside of his rate, to include becoming a duty gunner's mate.

Speaking to his leading chief petty officer, Chief Cryptologic Technician Technical (SW/IDW) Logan Brock, he said

"Schweizer is very active in the command, he does not just stick to work within his electronic warfare rate. He accepts many additional responsibilities with energy and a great attitude."

USS Howard is part of Destroyer Squadron 23 in San Diego. Learn more about USS Howard at <http://www.howard.navy.mil/> and follow them on Facebook, <http://www.facebook.com/pages/USS-Howard-DDG-83/105193562898595#!/pages/USS-Howard-DDG-83/105193562898595>.

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER



USS HOWARD sits out of the water in the Pride of San Diego Dry Dock owned by BAE Systems.

Learn more about BAE Systems at www.baesystems.com.



Howard Sailors and Families, Thank you for all of your hard work and sacrifice. As you know Howard is in the middle of an intensive Docking Restricted Availability (DSRA) where we are conducting extensive repairs, upgrades and modernization of our propulsion and combat systems. While the Ship is flying high and dry, we have an opportunity to focus on training and readiness where some of our education goals can be met. Many of your Sailors are attending Navy classes to help them earn some of the many qualifications that will be necessary for us to certify Team Howard for operations and ready us to deploy. Once we finish up our DSRA, our training cycle will run through June of 2013 and we are looking at a November 2013 deployment. It is during the training cycle where we will demonstrate our proficiency in each of our many mission areas and where your Sailor's training will be put to the test through drills, scenarios, and level of knowledge exams.

Thank you for your support of our Team, because without you we couldn't do these amazing jobs!

Article by:

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Commanding Officer,
USS Howard (DDG 83)

OCTOBER

BIRTHDAYS

01 OCT	GSE2	ALABAYALDE, ANDREW ANASCO
01 OCT	BMC	PHILLIPS, STEPHEN
04 OCT	EA	LOPEZSANTIAGO, DANIELA
04 OCT	OS2	MILIOTO, ROBERT
06 OCT	SA	RICHARDSON, JUSTIN
07 OCT	GSM3	PATTERSON, JUSTIN
08 OCT	EN1	MANICK, DARREN MICHAEL
09 OCT	GM1	NIXON, JOSE GRACIANO
10 OCT	LTGJ	AUSTIN, MICHAEL DOUGLAS
10 OCT	ET1	KALLONAKIS, JOHN
12 OCT	GSE2	CHRISMAN, KYLE LEE
12 OCT	ET3	OBERSOLER, JACOB
13 OCT	EM1	SEINA, JOSEPH EDWARD
14 OCT	ENS	STADLER, SARAH ANNE
15 OCT	FC1	MALLUM, JOHN TAYLOR
16 OCT	CTT2	RIEBE, CASEY JAMES
17 OCT	FC2	FRANKLIN, KRISTIN
21 OCT	QM2	USHER, ANTOWARD LAVANDER
22 OCT	CS2	PEREZ, ALEJANDRO CRUZ
24 OCT	FC3	BECK, CHRISTINA
25 OCT	CDR	FAY, JOHN
25 OCT	OS1	RAMIREZ, JOSE
27 OCT	BMC	MATHIS, CONRAD
30 OCT	BM2	DAVIS, CHRISTOPHER
31 OCT	LTJG	VALANZOLA, ASHLEY LYNN
31 OCT	GM3	OBRYAN, TIFFANY
31 OCT	IT3	WATTS, CHARLES



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FC3 CARL MILLER
CTTSN SHIRLEY URIOSTEGUI
CTTSN(SW) ROBERT SCHWEIZER



USS Howard Snapshot

The education doesn't just come from schoolbooks - in the photos below, HOWARD sailors take part in a Main Space Fire Drill where they learn the valuable skills needed to protect the ship from the threat of a dangerous fire!



TOP LEFT: CTT3 Morgan Selders / TOP RIGHT: OSC (SW/AW) Ronald Jara and YNC (SW) Sundra McDonald / BOTTOM LEFT: QM3 (SW) Whitley Durand, BM2 (SW) Zachary Lewis and OSC (SW/AW) Ronald Jara / BOTTOM RIGHT: LTJG Zachary Hower